

Application No. 09/772,662
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 5, 6, 10-15 and 21-26, and the Examiner's allowance of claims 28 and 30 are respectfully acknowledged.

Claims 5, 10, 12, 21 and 23 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their respective parent claims and any intervening claims.

In addition, claims 5, 6, 10-13, 15, 21-24, 26, 28 and 30 have been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered. And it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 5, 10, 12, 21 and 23, and claims 6, 11, 13-15, 22 and 24-26 respectively depending therefrom, are now all in condition for immediate allowance, along with allowed claims 28 and 30.

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CLAIM FEE

The application was originally filed with 30 claims of which 6 were independent, and the appropriate claim fee was paid for such claims. The application now contains 16 claims, of which 7 are independent. Accordingly, a claim fee in the amount of \$200.00 for the addition of 1 extra independent claim is attached hereto. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees which may be determined to be required to Account No. 06-1378.

RE: OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

On the Office Action Summary Sheet, the Examiner indicates that claims 28 and 30 are rejected. However, claims 28 and 30 were allowed, as indicated on page 7 of the Office Action (items 7 and 8). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Office Action Summary Sheet be corrected to reflect the allowance of claims 28 and 30.

RE: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

As requested in the Paper filed on August 23, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner act on the IDS filed on January 30, 2001 and the IDS filed on December 23, 2003.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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